

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 34 and 35 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 36 is currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-18, 28-33 and 36 are now pending in this application.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that the restriction requirement has been withdrawn and that claims 1-18, 28-33 and 36 have been allowed. The objection to claim 36 has been addressed by way of the present amendments. Claims 34 and 35 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. All outstanding issues having been resolved, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for issuance.

In the Office Action, claims 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Kafka (U.S. Patent No. 6,236,779) and for obviousness type double patenting. These rejections have been rendered moot in view of the cancellation without prejudice or disclaimer of claims 34 and 35.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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